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TO ALL STATE EXTENSION DIRECTORS:

Subject: Current Farm Labor News - #29

Request for Statement of Need for Foreign Workers after December 31, 1947.  
Requests for statements regarding need for foreign workers after December 31, 1947, are being received from the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Possibly State Extension Services and County Agricultural Agents are being asked to make similar statements. Quoted below is a letter written November 12, 1947 in answer to such a request. This letter, together with that issued by Meredith C. Wilson, dated May 12, 1947, regarding recruitment of Mexican Nationals by private employers, sets forth the policy of the Federal Extension Service in regard to this problem.

"Mr. L. Paul Winings, Acting Commissioner  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Franklin Trust Building  
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

"Dear Mr. Winings: Re: 56240/118-56244/700-56240/413-56243/406-56244/804

"Reference is made to your recent letters of October 31, November 3 and 4, and Acting Commissioner T. B. Shoemaker's letter of November 4, to the Department of Agriculture, attention of the Director of Extension Service Farm Labor Program, regarding the employment of Jamaican and Bahamian labor beyond December 31, 1947, by employers in Michigan, New York and New Jersey. It is noted that you are requesting a statement regarding labor supplies in these areas from the Department of Agriculture.

"The responsibilities for assisting in providing an adequate supply of farm labor vested in the Department of Agriculture will terminate on December 31, 1947. The U. S. Employment Service after that date will resume the program which was in force prior to the war emergency. In view of this fact, the Department of Agriculture is not in a position to express an opinion as to the ability of another agency to recruit domestic labor to meet the needs of employers after the termination of the present program. Statements regarding needs for farm labor after December 31, 1947, should be requested from the agency responsible for assisting in filling those needs, namely, the Federal and State Employment Services and not from the Federal Extension Service of the Department of Agriculture, the State Extension Services, or the county agricultural agents.

"Sincerely yours,

/s/Barnard Joy  
"Acting Deputy Director of Extension  
"Farm Labor Program"

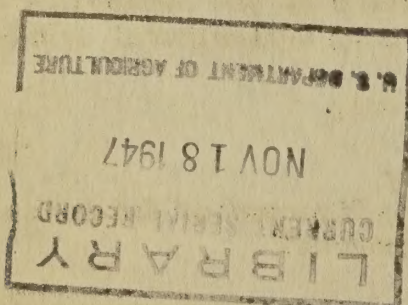


"Director" Hohn Now. Many friends throughout the whole Farm Labor organization will share the satisfaction that comes to all of us here at the federal Extension Farm Labor office, over announcement of the appointment (effective November 15) of Caesar 'Dutch' Hohn, Texas State Extension Farm Labor Supervisor, as Director of Conservation for the Lower Colorado River Authority. The Bryan, Texas, Eagle tells the story this way: "We saw 'Dutch' Hohn today and congratulated him on his new job with the Colorado River Authority. 'Dutch' didn't even tell us he had the job, but we have some good pipe lines that run out of Austin and got it by remote control, with 'don't you breath it'. We kept the faith until it was released from College. The contract is for five years, at \$10,000 per year. And we are glad. Our only regret is that it wasn't a million. Courageous, capable and consistent, one need not have any fears, but that 'Dutch' will give his best to whatever he is doing without price or favor. He is an Aggie, true blue and his influence for the good of the institution will be doubled now in that he is not connected with it. More power to him....."

Monthly Reports for December. State supervisors are asking if monthly Farm Labor reports (EFL-15) for December should be submitted. These reports will be required from all States. However, estimates made on December 1 for preparing Annual Reports (EFL-17) will be satisfactory. Estimated figures for your State should be filled in on a Form EFL-15 and submitted during December.

Roy Moser, State Farm Labor Supervisor in Massachusetts, was a visitor in our offices last week while here attending sessions of the Outlook Conference.

The Federal Extension Farm Labor office was represented at the Interstate Conference on Migratory Farm Labor, Hotel Commodore, New York City, October 30 and 31, by Barnard D. Joy, C.W.E. Pittman and A. D. Cobb from the Washington office and O. W. Nealy of the field staff. The conference was jointly sponsored by the Council of State Governments and the New York Joint Legislative Committee on Interstate Cooperation with the stated purpose of setting up cooperative standards and methods of operation between states which would continue to facilitate an orderly movement of the normal force of migrant farm workers along the Atlantic seaboard. Section groups presented reports and recommendations suggesting uniform procedure and standards under the titles of "Contacting, Informing and Placing Workers", "Transportation of Workers", "Housing, Health and Welfare", and "Child Labor, Care and Schooling". The conference adopted the reports and approved the appointment of a continuing committee having responsibility for perfecting the organization and procedure necessary to obtain recognition and action by the several states involved in such manner as to encourage continuation of an adequate flow of migrant farm workers in the area and at the same time provide adequate safe-guards for the welfare and best interests of the migrants and the communities in which they work. During the opening session of the conference Barnard Joy spoke on "The Background of the Migrant Movement".



Yours very truly,

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Farm Labor Program

cc: State supervisor